

CRUSADER CHRONICLES

Terra Nova End of Grade Testing Week Is Coming:

Beginning **Monday, April 27** and going through **Thursday, April 30**, students of BCA will be taking the Terra Nova Achievement Norm-Referenced Test. This means that your child's scores provide a comparison of his or her performance to that of thousands of other children in the same grade who took the Terra Nova at the same time of year. The results help show what your child has learned and what your child has not yet mastered. It is important to understand that no one "passes" or "fails" the Terra Nova.

Terra Nova includes many of the subjects that your child is taught in school, ranging from reading comprehension to Bible. For each question, several answers are given and the student must select the best possible answer. The teacher will be reviewing sample questions before the Terra Nova is given in order to make sure your child understands the proper testing procedures. Students in grades kindergarten through eight will take part in this educational assessment.

Terra Nova can only give certain types of information about how your child is doing in school. To obtain a more complete picture, you also need to know how your child does with daily classwork, other tests the teacher gives, homework and other activities.

The testing will begin promptly each morning at 8:00 am. Students who arrive after the testing has begun will not be allowed to enter the classroom until the day's testing has been completed. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time. During the week of testing there will be no homework in the elementary school and only test practice homework in the middle school. If you have any questions about the testing, please feel free to ask your child's teacher or contact Mr. Manning. Results should be returned to the school in late May. The academy will issue the results to each family as soon as possible.

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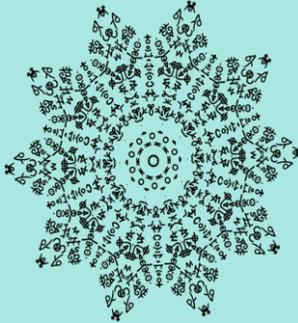
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BCA Families Rock

Thanks to all of our families who came out to support BCA at the **Chipotle** fundraiser event. With your help we were able to raise **\$332.00**.

Snow Make-Up Day

Monday, April 6



BCA Is On the Road Again

As BCA strives to make sure students obtain hands on learning opportunities, several classes will be learning on the road during the month of March:

- Fifth Grade will be going to Duke Homestead (April 8)
- Kindergarten will be going to the Alamance Children's Museum (April 10)
- Third Grade will be going to the Morehead Planetarium (April 17)



The BCA Walking Club was founded in the year 2000 as a fitness incentive program designed to promote walking as a life-long form of exercise. Through the years this program has grown and changed, yet stayed true to the purpose of encouraging students to set fitness goals in a community based setting. The 15th year of the BCA Walking Club will begin on Tuesday, April 7th and run through Thursday, April 30th. Check your child's Friday folder for more information or check Mrs. Fields' website (fields.bcacrusaders.org). Let's get fit together!



Congratulations to our BCA Golf Team. On March 17th they won their first golf match against Trinity of Raleigh and Friendship Christian.



"We Believe" is the theme for BCA's 2015 Spiritual Emphasis Week to be held **April 27-29!!** This is an exciting time in the life of our school!! John 20:31 states, "But these are written, that ye might **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Guest speakers and worship leaders will inspire students in their spiritual walk! Elementary and Middle School students will be sharing their musical gifts and testimonies!

Middle School Chapel services will be from **12:40-1:40PM(sanctuary)**

Elementary School Chapel services will be held from **2:05-2:50PM(sanctuary)**

Pray for this awesome week of revival as we partner with BCA families to inform students minds and affect their hearts for the kingdom of God!!

Congratulations to the following students who received **Superior** ratings in the ACSI Southeast Creative Writing Festival and who qualify to have their writings sent to the seven state regional competition:

Jackson Osberg who wrote **"Crack of the Bat"**.

Carley Wheelis who wrote **"Blackberry Jane"**.

Lyndsay Kivel who wrote **"My World of Colors"**.

Caroline Jones who wrote **"The Light Shines"**

We are very proud of these students for striving to give God their very best through Creative Writing.

Art Explosion

On **April 17th** all are invited to an **Art Reception at Barnes and Noble** to celebrate the Winners of Art Festival Week. Students will be able to make book marks for free and decorate cupcakes for a small cost. A portion of any purchase made April 15- 17 will be donated to the BCA art budget. We will be sending home a voucher number to use with your purchase. The artwork will be on display from April 15th-19th at Barnes and Noble (Brier Creek Location).

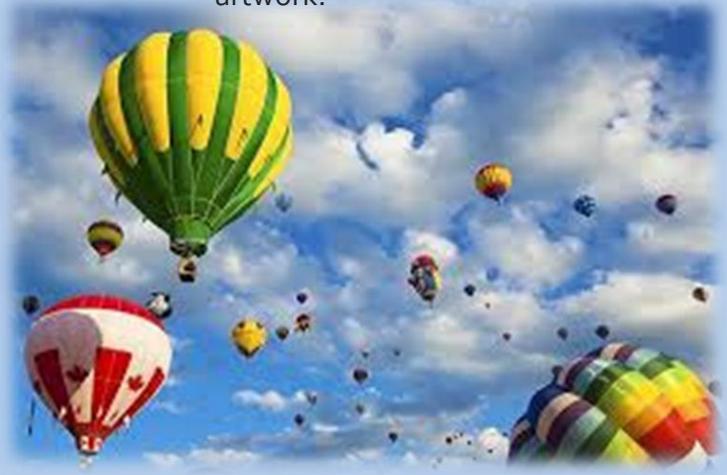


Chalk Walk

Lots of fun was had as the children brought to life their imaginative drawings in our first ever "Chalk Walk".

Soaring High

In April, K-5th will be participating in an exciting hot air balloon project. The students will be creating hot air balloons which will adorn the ceilings of our hallways. Please stop by and see our students amazing artwork.



8th Grade Legacy Project



Our 8th grade class is excited about their upcoming Legacy Project. Look for more information in future newsletters.

Story Time



Want to spend time with your youngster, build their reading skills, and help them learn to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud to them. Here are some suggestions.

Read regularly

Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Bring along a book, and read to them during a sibling's sports practice. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.

Take turns choosing books

Your youngster may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry).

Let her participate

Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Also, they can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in words they know. Go slowly so they have time to understand the story and look at the illustrations. They'll enjoy read-aloud time more if they play an active role.

Be playful

You can use different voices for different characters (a high, squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Or substitute out youngster's name, and use family members' names for other characters. Note: You don't have to be an expert reader-your child will love it when you read aloud because it's you.



All Kinds of Words

A large vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Try these everyday ways to help them learn new words.

Keep your ears open. When you and your youngster go places, point out words that people use. Maybe a waiter describes an *entrée* or the dentist talks about *molars*. Encourage your child to figure out what they mean by the way they're used.

Go beyond nouns. Help your youngster add verbs and adjectives to their vocabulary. Sports and games offer opportunities to use action words. Let your child hear you comment on the softball that *soars* or the runner who *sprints*. When they send thank-you notes or greeting cards, suggest descriptive words (*a polka-dot shirt, a fantastic birthday*).